

**WASHINGTON STATE  
BUILDING CODE**

**CHAPTER 51-50  
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**INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE  
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**Washington State Building Code Council**

## CHAPTER 51-50 WAC

### STATE BUILDING CODE ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF THE 2003 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

#### WAC 51-50-001 AUTHORITY

These rules are adopted under the authority of Chapter 19.27 RCW.

#### WAC 51-50-002 PURPOSE

The purpose of these rules is to implement the provisions of Chapter 19.27 RCW, which provides that the State Building Code Council shall maintain the State Building Code in a status which is consistent with the purpose as set forth in RCW 19.27.020. In maintaining the codes the Council shall regularly review updated versions of the codes adopted under the act, and other pertinent information, and shall amend the codes as deemed appropriate by the Council.

#### WAC 51-50-003 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE

The 2003 edition of the International Building Code, including Sections 101 through 107 of Appendix E, published by the International Code Council is hereby adopted by reference with the exceptions noted in this chapter of the Washington Administrative Code.

#### WAC 51-50-004 CONFLICTS WITH WASHINGTON STATE VENTILATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY CODE

In the case of conflict between the ventilation requirements of Chapter 12 of this code and the ventilation requirements of Chapter 51-13 WAC, the provisions of the Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Code shall govern.

#### WAC 51-50-005 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR BARRIER-FREE ACCESSIBILITY

Chapter 11 and other International Building Code requirements for barrier-free access, including ICC A117.1-1998 and Appendix E Sections 101 through 107, are adopted pursuant to Chapters 70.92 and 19.27 RCW.

Pursuant to RCW 19.27.040, Chapter 11 and requirements affecting barrier-free access shall not be amended by local governments.

#### WAC 51-50-007 EXCEPTIONS

The exceptions and amendments to the International Building Code contained in the provisions of Chapter 19.27 RCW shall apply in case of conflict with any of the provisions of these rules.

The provisions of this code do not apply to temporary growing structures used solely for the commercial production of horticultural plants including ornamental plants, flowers, vegetables, and fruits. "Temporary growing structure" means a structure that has the sides and roof covered with polyethylene, polyvinyl, or similar flexible synthetic material and is used to provide plants with either frost protection or increased heat retention. A temporary growing structure is not considered a building for purposes of this code.

The provisions of this code do not apply to the construction, alteration, or repair of temporary worker housing except as provided by rule adopted under chapter 70.114A RCW or chapter 37, Laws of 1998 (SB 6168). "Temporary worker housing" means a place, area, or piece of land where sleeping places or housing sites are provided by an employer for his or her employees or by another person, including a temporary worker housing operator, who is providing such accommodations for employees, for temporary, seasonal occupancy, and includes "labor camps" under RCW 70.54.110.

Codes referenced which are not adopted through RCW 19.27.031 or RCW 19.27A shall not apply unless specifically adopted by the authority having jurisdiction.

#### WAC 51-50-008 IMPLEMENTATION

The International Building Code adopted under Chapter 51-50 WAC shall become effective in all counties and cities of this state on July 1, 2004.

#### WAC 51-50-009 RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND SOLID WASTE STORAGE

For the purposes of this section, the following definition shall apply:

**RECYCLED MATERIALS** means those solid wastes that are separated for recycling or reuse, such as papers, metals and glass.

All local jurisdictions shall require that space be provided for the storage of recycled materials and solid waste for all new buildings

**Exceptions:** Group R-3 and Group U Occupancies.

The storage area shall be designed to meet the needs of the occupancy, efficiency of pickup, and shall be available to occupants and haulers.